

(F) implementing procedures governing the use and evaluation of the programs and funds; and

(G) overseeing the use of taxpayers dollars to carry out the programs; and

(2) declares that July 10, 2004, is a day that recognizes—

(A) the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the concessional credit program and the Food for Peace program under the Agricultural Trade and Development Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.); and

(B) the accomplishments of the United States Agency for International Development, the Department of Agriculture, and associated private voluntary organization and nongovernmental organization partners in alleviating hunger and poverty, bolstering development, and restoring hope around the world.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 122—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE 56TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. REED, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BIDEN, AND Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

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Whereas whales have very low reproductive rates, making many whale populations extremely vulnerable to pressure from commercial whaling;

Whereas whales migrate throughout the world's oceans and international cooperation is required to successfully conserve and protect whale stocks;

Whereas in 1946 a significant number of the nations of the world adopted the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, which established the International Whaling Commission to provide for the proper conservation of whale stocks;

Whereas in 2003 the Commission established a Conservation Committee, open to all members of the Commission, for the purpose of facilitating efficient and effective coordination and development of conservation recommendations and activities, which are fully consistent with the conservation objectives stated in the 1946 Convention;

Whereas the Commission adopted a moratorium on commercial whaling in 1982 in order to conserve and promote the recovery of whale stocks, many of which had been hunted to near extinction by the commercial whaling industry;

Whereas the Commission has designated the Indian Ocean and the ocean waters around Antarctica, as whale sanctuaries to further enhance the recovery of whale stocks;

Whereas many nations of the world have designated waters under their jurisdiction as whale sanctuaries where commercial whaling is prohibited, and additional regional whale sanctuaries have been proposed by nations that are members of the Commission;

Whereas two member nations currently have reservations to the Commission's moratorium on commercial whaling, and one member nation is currently conducting commercial whaling operations in spite of the moratorium and the protests of other nations;

Whereas the Commission has adopted several resolutions at recent meetings asking member nations to halt commercial whaling activities conducted under reservation to the moratorium and to refrain from issuing special permits for research involving the killing of whales;

Whereas one member nation of the Commission has taken a reservation to the Commission's Southern Ocean Sanctuary and also continues to conduct unnecessary lethal scientific whaling in the Southern Ocean and in the North Pacific Ocean;

Whereas one member nation of the Commission has taken a reservation to the Commission's Southern Ocean Sanctuary and also continues to conduct unnecessary lethal scientific whaling in the Southern Ocean and in the North Pacific Ocean;

Whereas whale meat and blubber is being sold commercially from whales killed pursuant to such unnecessary lethal scientific whaling, further undermining the moratorium on commercial whaling;

Whereas the Commission's Scientific Committee has repeatedly expressed serious concerns about the scientific need for such lethal research and recognizes the importance of demonstrating and expanding the use of non-lethal scientific research methods;

Whereas last year one member nation unsuccessfully sought an exemption allowing commercial whaling of up to 150 minke whales and 150 Bryde's whales, contrary to the moratorium and without review of the scientific committee, and continues to seek avenues to allow lethal takes of whales by vessels from specific communities in a manner that would undermine the moratorium on commercial whaling;

Whereas more than 8500 whales have been killed in lethal scientific whaling programs since the adoption of the commercial whaling moratorium and the lethal take of whales under scientific permits has increased both in quantity and species, with species now including minke, Bryde's, sei, and sperm whales; and

Whereas engaging in commercial whaling under reservation and lethal scientific whaling undermines the conservation program of the Commission: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) at the 56th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission the United States should—

(A) remain firmly opposed to commercial whaling;

(B) support the purposes and functions of the Conservation Committee, which provides a system for ensuring good governance of the Commission's conservation activities;

(C) initiate and support efforts to ensure that all activities conducted under reservations to the Commission's moratorium or sanctuaries are ceased;

(D) oppose the unnecessary lethal taking of whales for scientific purposes, seek support for expanding the use of non-lethal research methods, and seek to end the sale of whale meat and blubber from whales killed for unnecessary lethal scientific research;

(E) seek the Commission's support for specific efforts by member nations to end trade in whale meat;

(F) support the permanent protection of whale populations through the establishment of whale sanctuaries in which commercial whaling is prohibited; and

(G) support efforts to expand data collection on whale populations, monitor and reduce whale bycatch and other incidental impacts, and otherwise expand whale conservation efforts; and

(2) the United States should make full use of all appropriate diplomatic mechanisms,

relevant international laws and agreements, and other appropriate mechanisms to implement the goals set forth in paragraph (1).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

AMENDING THE E-GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2002

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 610, H.R. 1303.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 610) to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1303) was read the third time and passed.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOOD AID PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 402, which was submitted earlier today by Senators HARKIN and COCHRAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 402) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the 50th anniversary of the Food Aid Program established under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Food for Peace and concessional credit programs established in the Agricultural Trade and Development Act of 1954 enacted on July 10, 1954, Senator COCHRAN and I are submitting a Senate Resolution to honor those programs' many achievements over the past half century.

The 83rd Congress, working with the Eisenhower administration, recognized that the productive capacity of the U.S. agricultural sector was outstripping the food and feed needs of our domestic economy and that citizens of many war-torn countries had need for our food but could not afford to pay for it. They saw that the abundance of food available in the United States could be utilized as an instrument in building a durable peace after the Second World War.

Through the past 50 years, the various programs established under the Agricultural Trade and Development